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Applicant: JAMES C. BUTTS ET AL  
Serial No. 09/874,465  
Filed: 4 June 2001  
For: TORPEDO MOUNTED DISPENSER  
INCORPORATING A SHOCK MOUNT BUMPER

Sir:

There is submitted herewith an amendment in the above-identified application, which, if entered, adds additional claims(s) not previously paid for, as follows:


1. Total number of claims remaining in the application after this amendment is entered in excess of 20 and in excess of the number of claims for which a fee was previously paid, times \$18.00.....\$ 0
2. Total number of independent claims remaining in the application after this amendment is entered in excess of the number of claims for which a fee was previously paid, times \$84.00.....\$ 0

Also, Transmitted herewith is a Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(b) in the above-identified application.

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- (1) Amendment
- (2) Information Disclosure Statement
- (3) Copy of Informal corrections to FIG. 1

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AMENDMENT

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 18 June 2002, please  
amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, lines 16-24, the specification reads as follows:

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Cont.  
The MK 48 Torpedo utilizes a torpedo Tail Mounted Dispenser  
(TMD) as an integral part of its guidance wire communication  
system. The function of the TMD is to house a guidance wire coil  
and allow for successful deployment of a hollow core flexible  
cable known as a flex-hose that is used to position the guidance  
wire that is paying out through it, below the submarine's keel  
and propeller. A prior art TMD is disclosed in U.S. Patent No.

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